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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP-PROPOSED VISIT OF MS.

PATRICIA REYNOLDS

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1. SMI REPRESENTATIVE MILLS HAS DISCUSSED SUBJECT VISIT WITH SURESH AWASTHI, AND CCAO. AWASTHI SAID THAT IN LETTERS TO REYNOLDS IN AUGUST AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR HE OFFERED TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO HER REQUEST FOR A FOLLOW-UP TO HER 1969 VISIT FOR PURPOSES OF A FURTHER PRELIMINARY SURVEY AND COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL

ON INDIAN OUTDOOR THEATRE.

2. HOWEVER HE ALSO TOLD HER THAT HE WILL LEAVE INDIA IN JANUARY 1974 FOR FOUR MONTHS TEACHING NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. FURTHER HE WILL BE ON LEAVE FROM AKADEMI STARTING MID-DECEMBER. ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE IN DELHI UNTIL ABOUT JANUARY 20, HE WILL NOT BE FREE TO HELP REYNOLDS AND WOULD HAVE TO TRY TO ARRANGE OTHER ASSISTANCE.

3. AWASTHI FURTHER SAID THAT HE TOLD REYNOLDS THERE WAS NO WAY HE COULD HELP HER GET VISA. EMBASSY CANNOT INTERVE TO SECURE VISA.

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4. IF REYNOLDS IS ABLE TO OBTAIN ENTRY VISA FROM THE INDIAN CONSULATE IN NEW YORK FOR A VISIT OF THREE MONTHS FOR PURPOSES ABOVE STATED, EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO VISIT IN DECEMBER.

5. HOWEVER, HE AND WE THINK REYNOLDS SHOULD CONSULT AWASTHI IN NEW YORK BEFORE SCHEDULING INDIAN VISIT.
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